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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC: FINAL TEXT OF AMBASSADOR  
YOUNG'S SPEECH

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE FINAL TEXT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S  
ECOSOC SPEECH, AS HE REVIEWED AND REVISED IT TODAY.  
AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS FIFTH ON THE TUESDAY MORNING  
(JULY 11) SPEAKERS LIST WHICH SHOULD MAKE DELIVERY TIME  
ABOUT 12 NOON OR SLIGHTLY LATER. CORRECTIONS, IF ANY,  
FOLLOW AT END OF TEXT.

BEGIN TEXT: MR. PRESIDENT, FELLOW DELEGATES: UNLIKE MANY  
AMONG YOU, I HAVE NOT YET HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF EXPRES-  
SING PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COUNCIL THE SATISFACTION OF  
MY GOVERNMENT, AND MY OWN PLEASURE AT THE ADDITION OF  
TWO DISTINGUISHED MEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT  
IN POSTS OF KEY IMPORTANCE. AMBASSADOR KENNETH DADZIE  
OF GHANA HAS THE PARTICULAR CHALLENGE OF BEING THE FIRST  
TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTER-  
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NATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. I KNOW HIM WELL AND AM  
CONFIDENT OF HIS FULL ABILITY TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE  
AND TO BE THE STRONG RIGHT ARM OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AREA. MONSIEUR JEAN RIPERT,  
UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL AND HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, BRINGS TO US  
HIS EXPERIENCE AS HEAD OF FRANCE'S PLANNING COMMISSION

AND AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ECOSOC'S COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. HIS DYNAMISM AND INTELLECTUAL CAPACITIES HAVE ALREADY IMPRESSED ALL OF US. MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES TO BOTH MEN. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SALUTE THE ELEVATION OF TWO OLD FRIENDS IN THE SECRETARIAT TO POSTS OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY. UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL ISSOUFOU DJERMAKOYE BRINGS DISTINCTION TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION. ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL DIEGO CORDOVEZ BRINGS TO HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES ALL OF HIS VAST EXPERIENCE IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

LAST YEAR, I RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE ROLE OF ECOSOC IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DIALOGUE. CLEARLY, THE QUESTION REMAINS A TIMELY ONE. MANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES WILL BE SPENDING MUCH TIME DURING THIS SESSION WRESTLING WITH THE QUESTION IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR EFFORT TO FIND A CONSENSUS ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT THOSE ASPECTS OF THE RESTRUCTURING RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF ECOSOC. MEANWHILE, I JOIN OTHERS IN THIS GENERAL DEBATE IN THE COUNCIL IN TAKING STOCK OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FRUSTRATIONS OF THE PAST YEAR, AND IN EXCHANGING IDEAS AS TO WHERE TO PROCEED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THE BACKGROUND OF SUCH A DISCUSSION MUST OF COURSE BE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMIC REALITIES OF TODAY, AND OUR VISION FOR TOMORROW. THE WORLD ECONOMIC SURVEY, WHICH WE HAVE AMONG OUR DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION, NOTES "WIDESPREAD UNCERTAINTY AND UNEASE ABOUT THE GLOBAL ECONOMY." THIS UNEASE EXISTS IN ALL OF OUR COUNTRIES; WE WRESTLE WITH PROBLEMS OF OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, OF THE SUPPLY AND PRICE OF ENERGY, OF HESITANT GROWTH AND UNEMPLOYMENT. CALLS FOR PROTECTIONISM INCREASE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES JUST AS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NEED TO EXPORT MORE TO MEET CURRENT NEEDS AND HEAVY DEBT BURDENS. INFLATION PURSUES ALL OF US IMPACABLY. IN THE FACE OF THIS SITUATION, THE WORLD COMMUNITY HAS RECOGNIZED THAT INTERDEPENDENCE IS NOT A PHRASE, OR A MATTER OF POLITICAL CHOICE, BUT A STATEMENT OF FACT. THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AFFECT ALL OF US, AND CANNOT BE SOLVED WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL, OR WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE INTERESTS OF ALL.

PUT MORE POSITIVELY, THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS, FOR THE REST OF THIS COUNTRY, IS LINKED NOT ONLY TO ECONOMIC REVIVAL IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, BUT TO THE REALIZATION OF THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH THAT WE HAVE IN THIS

WORLD - WHICH IS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT POTENTIAL IS OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO ALL OF US. IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFERENT TO AGREE ON A BASIC OUTLINE OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH IT. PRESIDENT CARTER, IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE CONGRESS OF VENEZUELA, SPOKE OF FIVE STEPS WE NEEDED TO TAKE TOGETHER;

- INCREASING CAPITAL FLOW TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
- BUILDING A MORE FAIR AND MORE OPEN TRADING SYSTEM,
- MODERATING DISRUPTIVE PRICE MOVEMENTS IN THE WORLD ECONOMY,
- DEVELOPING AND CONSERVING ENERGY SOURCES,
- STRENGTHENING THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITIES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

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I STRESS THE WORDS "TAKE TOGETHER" FOR EACH OF THESE FIVE ELEMENTS ENTAILS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE ARE, AFTER ALL, WORKING TO FACILITATE MAJOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY. THESE CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH RHETORIC; THEY CANNOT BE FORCED BY DIPLOMATS OR LEADERS UPON PEOPLE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THEM. THE OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS CANNOT BE PRESSED ON SOME IN THE NAME OF GUILT FOR THE PAST; NOR CAN IT BE DENIED BY OTHERS THROUGH IDEOLOGICAL CLAIMS OF INNOCENCE. NO NATIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE BILLIONS TO DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN TODAY'S WORLD CAN CLAIM

INNOCENCE BEFORE THE HUNGRY MILLIONS WHO COULD BE FED  
IN THE VERY AREAS WHERE THIS DESTRUCTION TAKES PLACE.  
THE SOWING OF SEEDS OF DESTRUCTION, THE DROPPING OF BOMBS,  
THE PLANTING OF LAND MINES AND THE RAIN OF BULLETS  
CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE A HARVEST OF BLESSINGS FOR  
ANYONE.

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MR. PRESIDENT, CHANGE WILL REQUIRE THE PARTICIPATION, AND  
THE EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS, OF THE PEOPLE OF ALL  
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THESE CHANGES MUST ALSO BE BASED  
ON MUTUAL INTEREST; THEY MUST COME FROM EXAMING WHAT WE  
CAN DO TOGETHER. WE ALL MUST BE FLEXIBLE ABOUT OLD  
POSITIONS AND PROGRAMS, AND BRINGING A MAXIMUM OF  
IMAGINATION TO THE SEARCH OF NEW SOLUTIONS.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD PLEDGE TO YOU, AND TO ALL HERE  
PRESENT, MY OWN GOVERNMENT'S FIRM INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE  
TO THIS EFFORT. PRESIDENT CARTER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES DURING HIS MEETING WITH LATIN  
AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN LEADERS IN PANAMA LAST MONTH.  
AS A RESULT, I CAN TELL YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT IS  
COMMITTED AT THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL TO EXPANDING  
AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND CONVERGENCE ON NORTH/SOUTH  
QUESTIONS. THE LEADERS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES  
WHO ARE MEETING IN BONN THIS MONTH WILL DEVOTE PRIORITY  
ATTENTION TO THIS THEME.

HERE IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, OUR RESPONSIBILITY  
IS TO CONSTANTLY IMPROVE THE MECHANISM AVAILABLE FOR  
THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND THE SEARCH SOLUTIONS TO  
DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. I WOULD LIKE TO TURN NOW TO EFFORTS  
MADE TO ENHANCE THESE CAPACITIES IN FOUR DIFFERENT WAYS;  
IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, THROUGH OUR INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, IN PREPARING FOR THE U.N. CONFERENCE  
ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND BY RESTRUCT-  
URING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS SYSTEM.

MR. PRESIDENT, WHEN THE COUNCIL MET LAST YEAR, THE FINAL  
MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON  
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INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION HAD JUST ENDED. IN  
SEPTEMBER, THE RESUMED 31ST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MET TO ASSESS ITS RESULTS, AND DECIDE ON NEXT STEPS.

THIS SESSION PRODUCED NO AGREED TEXT. BUT, IT WAS IN THE COURSE OF THAT SESSION THAT A GENERAL AWARENESS AROSE THAT THERE WAS A MISSION ELEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM. A MECHANISM HAD TO BE DEvised TO BRING SENIOR POLICY-MKING OFFICIALS TOGETHER, ON A PERIODIC BASIS, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE WORLD ECONOMY, AND ON UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS AND ISSUES. IT WAS ALSO CLEAR THAT THIS HAD TO BE DONE WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

THEREAFTER AT THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY EACH GOVERNMENT OR GROUP OF STATES WORKED IN ITS OWN WAY TO FIND A FORMULA TO MEET THIS NEED. AFTER A GOOD DEAL OF WORK CHARACTERIZED THROUGHOUT BY A COMMON DESIRE TO SUCCEED, A FRAMEWORK FOR THE DIALOGUE WAS REACHED IN RESOLUTION 32/174. WE WERE PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENT. BUT, I SUGGEST THAT FEW OF THE NEGOTIATORS SURMISED THE DEGREE TO WHICH THIS WAS BUT A FIRST STEP, AND THAT THE NEW FLAGSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DIALIGUE WOULD BE SAILING IN UNCHARTED WATERS FROM ITS FIRST DAYS. WE ARE FORTUNATE IN HAVING SO SKILLED A HELMSMAN AS MR. IDRIS JAZAIRY OF ALGERIA TO STEER HER.

HOW WAS THE NEW COMMITTEE TO WORK AND IMPLEMENT ITS MAN-DATE? THE HUMAN REACTION IN NEW SITUATIONS IS TO CLING TO WHAT ONE KNOWS - TO USE OLD CHARTS EVEN IN NEW SEAS. IF THE MODEL OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE WAS NOT SEEN AS PARTICULARLY PERTINENT, OTHER FAMILIAR CONCEPTIONS SOON EMERGED. THE CONCEPTION OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BEGAN WITH THE PREMISE THAT THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WORLD ECONOMY HAD INDEED BECOME A CONCERN OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALIKE. FROM THIS CAME THE VIEW, OR AT LEAST THE HOPE, THAT SUCH A PROCESS OF MANAGEMENT COULD IMPLY UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT A "NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE" - ACROSS THE TABLE, BUT A  
COMMON APPROACH TO COMMON PROBLEMS. THE MODEL WHICH  
SUGGESTED ITSELF WAS EITHER THE DOMESTIC ONE, OR, ON AN  
INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, THAT OF THE OECD WHICH HAD SO LONG  
PROVED USEFUL AS A FORUM FOR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WORKING  
AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

THE HOPE OF MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WAS THAT FRANK  
EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AMONG POLICY-MAKING OFFICIALS WOULD  
CONTRIBUTE TO A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC  
PROBLEMS AND OF POSITIONS ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES. THIS,  
IN TURN, COULD LEAD TO A GREATER CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS,  
LEADING TO CONSENSUS IN THE RESPECTIVE  
SPECIALIZED NEGOTIATING FORUMS.

MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ON THE OTHER HAND, SAW IN THE  
COMMITTEES NOT ONLY AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS -  
BUT ALSO TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS FROM THE  
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES, COMMITMENTS  
THAT WOULD BE RECORDED IN A FINAL TEXT TO BE AGREED TO  
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BY THE COMMITTEE ITSELF, FOLLOWING TRADITIONAL U.N.  
PATTERNS. WITHOUT SUCH A PROCESS, THE PREMISE OF "JOINT  
MANAGEMENT" SEEMED TO IGNORE A GREAT BODY OF PROPOSALS  
FOR CHANGE THEY HAD MADE.

WHEN THE COMMITTEE MET AT ITS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE SESSION  
IN MAY, BOTH APPROACHES WERE USED. THERE WERE EXCHANGES  
OF VIEWS IN THE BEGINNING, WHICH WE BELIEVED USEFUL. BUT  
FINALLY THE COMMITTEE BEGAN AN ARDUOUS EFFORT AT DRAFTING  
A TEXT. MEMBERS HAD LITTLE OCCASION FOR A GENERAL  
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, OR OF NEW IDEAS. FAILURE TO AGREE  
ON SUCH A TEXT ATTESTED TO THE DIFFICULTY OF PRODUCING  
COMMON LANGUAGE ON ISSUES ON WHICH TRUE SUBSTANTIVE

AGREEMENT WAS NOT YET POSSIBLE.

MOST OF US LEFT WITH THE CONVICTION THAT FURTHER EXPLORATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S MEANS OF OPERATION WAS NECESSARY. WE MUST FIND A WAY TO USE IT AS A UNIQUE FORUM THAT REPLICATES NEITHER THE ROLES OR EXISTING UN POLICY BODIES IN ADOPTING BROAD RESOLUTIONS ON OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS NOR THOSE OF EXISTING SPECIALIZED NEGOTIATING FORUMS.

I BELIEVE WE CAN SUCCEED IF WE BEAR FOUR REALITIES IN MIND. THE FIRST IS THAT THE OVERRIDING PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO FACILITATE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS. THE SECOND IS THAT SUCH SOLUTIONS SHOULD EVOLVE FROM THE DISCUSSIONS AT A HIGH LEVEL. THESE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE PART OF A PROCESS WHICH CAN THEREAFTER LEAD TO ORIGINAL SOLUTIONS. THE THIRD, PERHAPS LESS OBVIOUS THAN THE FIRST TWO, IS THAT THE IDEAS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS WHICH ARE SUGGESTED IN THIS DISCUSSION MUST HAVE TIME FOR THOROUGH EXPLORATION WITHIN GOVERNMENTS. IT WE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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INDEED SEEKING IMPORTANT DECISIONS ON IMPORTANT PROBLEMS, WE CANNOT EXPECT EVEN A MINISTER TO BE ABLE TO COMMIT HIS GOVERNMENT WITHOUT SUCH EXPLORATION. FOURTH, THE END PRODUCT OF THIS PROCESS SHOULD BE CONCRETE NEW PROPOSALS, TO BE PUT FORWARD IN THE APPROPRIATE NEGOTIATING BODIES.

WE HAVE GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS TO HOW THESE REALITIES COULD BE REFLECTED IN A PROCESS WHICH BRIDGES THE DIFFERENT PERCEPTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE'S ROLE. I CAN INDICATE THE BROAD OUTLINES OF ONE POSSIBLE FORMULA.

AT THE NEXT, AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, THERE WOULD BE, AS WE HAVE HAD IN MAY, A PERIOD OF EXTENSIVE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AMONG HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS. THESE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD TERMINATE WITH AGREEMENT ON A LIST OF A FEW SELECTED TOPICS, WHICH PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS - DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING ALIKE - WOULD ENGAGE THEMSELVES TO EXPLORE, WITH A VIEW TO ACTION OR TO THE FORMULATION OF NEW SOLUTIONS IN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FORA. IN A LATER SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ANOTHER DISCUSSION ON THESE TOPICS WOULD BE HELD, TO SEE WHAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE CLEARLY NO COMMITMENT TO CHANGE POSITIONS ON EVERY ISSUE, THERE WOULD BE AN OBLIGATION FOR REAPPRAISAL. FINALLY, A LAST REVIEW OF PROGRESS ON AGREED THEMES COULD BE MADE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION AT MINISTERIAL

LEVEL IN 1980.

CLEARLY, THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF SUCH AN APPROACH IS  
IN MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES. A DELEGATION'S PROPOSALS  
FOR TOPICS FOR REEXAMINATION SHOULD BE BASED ON A  
REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF ITS GOVERNMENT'S CAPACITY FOR  
FLEXIBILITY. WHERE THERE SEEMS LITTLE OR NO PROSPECT  
FOR MOVEMENT ON THE PART OF INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS OR  
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GROUPS, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO ADMIT IT FROM THE START

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AND MOVE ON TO MORE PROMISING AREAS.

THIS LAST OBSERVATION ALSO RAISES THE QUESTION OF THE  
CHOICE OF PRIORITIES AMONG SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION FORE-  
SEEN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. THERE IS  
CLEARLY A CONSENSUS THAT ALL OF THE MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS  
RELATING TO A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER SHOULD BE  
DISCUSSED DURING THE LIFETIME OF THE COMMITTEE. HOWEVER,  
OF THE VARIOUS TOPICS ON WHAT I CANNOT HELP BUT THINK  
IS AN OVER-AMBITIOUS AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING,  
I BELIEVE THE PROBLEM OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT



SEEMS THE MOST PRESSING, THE MOST AMENABLE TO NEW AND  
ADDITIONAL EFFORTS, AND HENCE THE MOST WORTHY OF OUR  
CONCENTRATION.

AS THE REPORT PREPARED FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMIT-  
TEE BY THE FAO NOTES, THE LONG-TERM PROBLEM IN THIS AREA  
REMAINS UNCHANGED. GROWTH IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN  
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE HAS FALLEN SHORT OF  
EXPECTATIONS. I HAVE NOTED WITH PARTICULAR  
DISMAY THE FACT THAT IN 62 COUNTRIES, REPRESENTING 43  
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PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD,  
GROWTH IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION BETWEEN 1970 AND 1977  
HAS NOT EVEN KEPT PACE WITH LEVELS OF POPULATION GROWTH.  
MR. PRESIDENT, MY VERY FIRST ADDRESS TO THIS BODY IN THE  
SPRING OF LAST YEAR, ATTEMPTED TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE  
PROBLEMS OF HUNGER AND FAMINE. I DID SO BECAUSE OF MY CON-  
VICTION THAT MY OWN COUNTRYMEN, AT LEAST, WOULD FIND IT  
DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE OF A DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENT WHICH  
IGNORES THE 400 MILLION PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHO ARE STAR-  
VING. IF WE ARE TO GAIN POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE ADJUST-  
MENTS REQUIRED IN A PROCESS OF STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN THE  
WORLD ECONOMY, WE CANNOT PUT THESE PEOPLE IN A SECOND  
PLANE.

THIS IS A HUMAN PROBLEM, BUT IT IS NOT ONLY A HUMANITARIAN  
CONCERN. A COUNTRY CANNOT EXPAND EMPLOYMENT, ESPECIALLY  
IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, WITHOUT THE FOOD TO FEED THOSE  
PARTICIPATING. NOR, AS WE LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF  
THE EARLY 1970'S, CAN WE HOPE TO CONQUER INFLATION WITH-  
OUT ELIMINATING THE THREAT OF CRITICAL FOOD SHORTAGES AND  
THE MAJOR PRICE INCREASES WHICH ACCOMPANY THEM. FOOD SE-  
CURITY - A STEADY SUPPLY OF FOOD FOR ALL, AND AT REASON-  
ABLE PRICES - IS IN THE INTEREST OF EVERYONE. UNLIKE  
OTHERS, FOOD IS A RENEWABLE RESOURCE. THE EXPANSION OF  
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION NOT ONLY MEETS BASIC HUMAN NEEDS  
BUT IS ESSENTIAL TO NATIONAL EFFORTS TO COMBAT INFLATION,  
CREATE JOBS, AND INDEED, TO DEVELOP ACROSS THE BOARD. IT  
IS CLEAR THAT A COUNTRY CAN HARDLY PLAN DEVELOPMENT WHEN  
MUCH OF ITS NEEDED FOREIGN EXCHANGE MUST GO TO PAY FOR  
EMERGENCY FOOD IMPORTS.

THIS KEY LINKAGE BETWEEN FOOD SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT IS  
RECOGNIZED IN THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL NOW BEFORE THE  
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UNITED STATES CONGRESS, WHICH CALLS FOR A WORLDWIDE COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO OVERCOME THE WORST ASPECTS OF ABSOLUTE POVERTY AND REPEAT AND TO ASSURE SELF-RELIANT GROWTH IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY THE YEAR 2000.

MR. PRESIDENT, THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR EXPANDING FOOD PRODUCTION IS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT IS A MATTER OF SIMPLE ECONOMICS THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN PROVIDE THE GREATEST MARGINAL RETURNS ON THE UTILIZATION OF SCARCE INPUTS - OIL PRODUCTS FROM FERTILIZERS TO GASOLINE.

THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO MAKE A MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TO SUCH DEVELOPMENT. IN THE COMING WEEKS, PRESIDENT CARTER WILL ANNOUNCE THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON WORLD HUNGER, WHICH WILL TACKLE ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF FOOD SECURITY. THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. SOL LINOWITZ, ONE OF THE NEGOTIATORS OF THE NEWLY RATIFIED PANAMA CANAL TREATY, TO HEAD THE COMMISSION IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT REAL RESULTS ARE EXPECTED OF THIS NEW BODY.

MR. PRESIDENT, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS ON WHICH LAST YEAR'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS UNABLE TO TAKE ACTION WAS THAT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. EVEN THE BRIEF DISCUSSION THAT TOOK PLACE, HOWEVER, REVEALED THE NEED TO TAKE WHAT WE CALL A ZERO-BASED APPROACH TO THE SUBJECT. THAT IS, WE SHOULD BEGIN BY ASKING OURSELVES THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS AS TO THE USES, AND THE UTILITY OF A DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. ONE MAY WELL REEXAMINE THE VALUE OF THE LAST INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, AND THE ENTIRE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL PROCESS WHICH WENT WITH IT. MY GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SEE THIS AS A MODEL FOR THE NEXT STRATEGY.

SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE LAST STRATEGY, THE INTERNATIONAL

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COMMUNITY HAS SET ITSELF UPON THE TASK OF ACHIEVING A NEW AND MORE JUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. IT IS CLEAR THAT ANY NEW STRATEGY MUST REFLECT THIS CONCEPT. BUT HOW? SHOULD EVERY ELEMENT ON WHICH DISCUSSION OF A NEW ORDER MUST FOCUS - FROM TRADE TO MONETARY AFFAIRS, FROM THE CONDITIONS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO SHIPPING - BE REFLECTED IN A NEW STRATEGY AS WELL? IF SO, GIVEN THE DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS WHICH REMAIN IN THESE MANY AREAS, WE ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO AGREE ON A STRATEGY IN THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME REMAINING.

THIS MIGHT SUGGEST THAT A NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY SHOULD NOT BE SYNONYMOUS WITH ANY PARTICULAR VISION OF THE NIO, BUT COMPLEMENTARY AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS THROUGH WHICH A NEW ORDER WILL BE ATTAINED. IN OTHER WORDS, THE STRATEGY MIGHT ADDRESS ITSELF TO SOME OF THE PROBLEMS, OR LINKAGES, INSIDE THE BROADER CONCEPTS OF A NEW ORDER. FOR EXAMPLE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GOALS FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION PRESUPPOSE A LABOR UNCLASSIFIED

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FORCE PHYSICALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY FIT FOR THE NEW TASKS REQUIRED OF IT; THEY PRESUPPOSE ALSO ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLIES FOR THIS NEW WORKING POPULATION, AND ADEQUATE MEANS OF BRINGING THESE TO INDUSTRIALIZED AREAS. DEVELOPMENT GOALS PRESUPPOSE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THEY REQUIRE THAT ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO THE PROBLEMS OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA. CLEARLY THE LINK BETWEEN THE TWO "DECADES" CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED. THESE PROBLEMS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO FALL BETWEEN THE BOARDS WHILE INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ELSEWHERE. THESE QUESTIONS, IT IS CLEAR, ARE QUALITATIVE AS MUCH, IF NOT MORE THAN THEY ARE QUANTITATIVE. MY DELEGATION HAS SUBSTANTIAL DOUBTS AS TO THE ADVISIBILITY OF APPLYING A SET OF TARGETS ACROSS THE BOARD AND TO TREATING DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS UNIFORM GROUPS. THE SETTING OF SUCH TARGETS IS DIFFICULT EVEN WHEN LEFT TO NATIONAL AUTHORITIES; TO NEGOTIATE THEM ON A WORLDWIDE

BASIS IS TO ENTER INTO AN EXERCISE WHICH MAY BEAR  
LITTLE RELATION TO REALITY.

RATHER, I SUGGEST THAT A STRATEGY MIGHT BETTER CONCENTRATE  
ON DESIGNATING PROBLEMS, AND THE EXPLORING THE MEANS TO  
SOLVE THEM. BY THE SAME TOKEN, PERIODIC VIEWS OF PRO-  
GRESS WOULD NOT BE ACRIMONIOUS EFFORTS AT WELDING REALITY  
WITH ABSTRACTION, BUT EXCHANGES OF USEFUL EXPERIENCES,  
WHEREBY ONE COUNTRY CAN LEARN FROM ANOTHER. THE DEVELOP-  
MENT STRATEGY TOO, SHOULD BE AN EVOLVING  
CONCEPT.

MR. PRESIDENT, THESE ARE PRELIMINARY REFLECTIONS - AND  
THERE WILL BE TIME TO CONSIDER THEM IN THE MONTHS TO COME.  
WHAT WE WOULD ASK IS THAT ALL CONCERNED WITH A STRATEGY  
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PUT AWAY PAST EXAMPLES AND BEGIN WITH THE BASIC QUESTION  
OF WHAT FORM OF STRATEGY, IF ANY CAN SERVE AS REAL COM-  
PLIMENT, AND SUPPORT, TO THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING A NEW  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

MR. PRESIDENT, IN ABOUT ONE YEAR FROM NOW WE WILL BE PAR-  
TICIPATING IN THE UN CONFERENCE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
FOR DEVELOPMENT IN VIENNA. ECOSOC HAS RECOGNIZED THE  
CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF THE THEME OF THIS CONFERENCE IN  
DESIGNATING IT A PRIORITY AREA FOR CONSIDERATION. THIS  
STRESS PARALLELS OUR OWN VIEW.

PRESIDENT CARTER, IN HIS REMARKS BEFORE THE CONGRESS OF  
VENEZUELA, ON MARCH 29, NOTES THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS ES-  
SENTIAL TO PROMOTE THEIR SELF-RELIANCE. HE STRESSED  
OUR INTENTION TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION  
A KEY ELEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
AND PLEDGED TO WORK TO THIS END THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND THROUGH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS. HE PROPOSED  
THE CREATION OF A US FOUNDATION FOR TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERA-  
TION TO FACILITATE OUR EFFORTS. WE HOPE THAT THE PROCESS  
OF CREATING THIS FOUNDATION WILL BE WELL ADVANCED BY THE  
TIME THE CONFERENCE CONVENES.

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT OUR OWN PREPARATIONS FOR THE  
CONFERENCE ARE PROGRESSING. WE HOPE,  
THROUGH OUR NATIONAL PAPER, TO SHARE OUR OWN EXPERIENCES,  
BOTH IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE APPLICATION OF TECHNOL-  
OGY, WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WE HAVE BEEN IM-  
PRESSED WITH THE SERIOUS EXAMINATION OF CONCRETE NEEDS AND  
PROBLEMS WHICH THE PREPARATORY PERIOD HAS SUCCEEDED IN  
PROMOTING, THROUGH THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL AND REGION-  
AL PAPERS, AND THE CONSIDERATION AND SELECTION OF ILLUS-

TRATIVE SUBJECT AREAS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT FURTHER WORK  
ON THE CONFERENCE, AND ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION WILL BE  
GROUNDED ON THE FRUITS OF THIS VALUABLE EXPERIENCE. IN  
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THIS WAY, WE CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT THE THEME OF SCIENCE

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AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT ONLY BE A SUBJECT  
FOR THE ATTENTION OF TECHNOCRATS, BUT A SOURCE OF IMPROVE-  
MENT IN THE LIVES OF MEN AND WOMEN, AND A MEANS TO GREATER  
SELF-RELIANCE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

NOW, SIR, I WOULD RETURN TO WHERE I BEGAN, IN CALLING THE  
COUNCIL'S ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO ACT SPEEDILY IN FOL-  
LOWING UP ON THE HISTORIC STEP THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOOK  
LAST YEAR IN PASSING RESOLUTION 32/197, ON RESTRUCTURING  
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
SYSTEM.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON  
THIS SUBJECT IN THE COURSE OF THIS SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL HAVE MANY TASKS. THE

ONE ON WHICH THE MOST EXCHANGES HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD IS  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHAPTER CONCERNING ECOSOC. MY  
DELEGATION CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT A SIGNIFICANT  
REVISION OF THE OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS  
VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS IS TO REGAIN, AND FULLY  
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EXERCISE THE ROLE FORESEEN FOR IT IN THE CHARTER.

THE ECOSOC CAN, AND SHOULD PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN HELPING  
THE SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO  
BETTER RELATE THEIR WORK, AND THEREBY REFLECT THE FUNDA-  
MENTAL FACT THAT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS ARE IN-  
SEPARABLE. IN THE 1980'S, A RESTRUCTURED ECOSOC SHOULD  
ALSO BE READY TO FULFILL THE VERY FIRST OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES LISTED AS ITEM 1(A) IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS -  
NAMESLY:

-- TO SERVE AS THE CENTRAL FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES OF A GLOBAL OR  
INTERDISCIPLINARY NATURE AND THE FORMULATION OF POLICY  
RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON ADDRESSED TO MEMBER STATES AND TO  
THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AS A WHOLE;

BUT, IF ECOSOC IS TO PERFORM THESE GENERAL POLICY FUNCTIONS WELL, IT MUST ALSO FIND A WAY OF STREAMLINING ITS  
ONGOING WORK, DONE BY EXPERT BODIES, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS. THE DIRECT ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR  
THE WORK OF SOME COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS IN SUBJECT-ORIENTED SESSION PROVIDES A MEANS OF DOING SO, AND THERE  
IS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THAT PRINCIPLE.

WE ARE STILL NOT SURE, HOWEVER, WHETHER THIS CAN BE CONVERTED TO AGREEMENT ON SPECIFICS. FOR, WHEN SPECIFIC  
BODIES ARE DISCUSSED, A KIND OF PROTECTIVE INSTINCT EMERGES. THERE IS A FEAR THAT IF THE WORK DONE IN THESE  
BODIES IS ASSUMED DIRECTLY BY THE COUNCIL, SOMETHING WILL BE "LOST", THAT THE TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS REPRESENTS A  
FORM OF DEMOTION. THESE FEARS EXIST WITHIN ALL GOVERNMENTS, SOMETIMES CONFINED TO CONCERN FOR ONE BODY, SOME-  
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TIMES FOR MANY. THE PROBLEM IS THAT IF THESE RESERVATIONS  
ARE ADDED TOGETHER, THE RESULT CAN ONLY BE THE MAINTENANCE  
OF THE STATUS QUO. LET US HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT ALL CAN  
AGREE TO GIVE THE NEW APPROACH A CHANCE. ALLOWING FOR A

REVIEW OF THE NEW SYSTEM AFTER ITS FIRST TWOYEARS SEEMS  
A BETTER WAY OF MEETING LEGITIMATE CONCERNS THAN A CON-  
SENSUS IN THE NEGATIVE.

FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, A WORD ABOUT TWO PROPOSALS WITH  
WHICH MY DELEGATION HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED IN THE  
PAST.

FOLLOWING ON OUR INITIATIVES AT THE LAST TWO SUMMER SES-  
SIONS OF THE ECOSOC, I WISH FIRST TO TURN TO THE WORK  
UNDERWAY ON THE PROBLEM OF CORRUPT PRACTICES,  
PARTICULARLY ILLICIT PAYMENTS OR BRIBERY, IN INTERNATIONAL  
COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS. MY GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO  
PLACE HIGH PRIORITY ON THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THIS  
WORK, AS I THINK WE ALL AGREE THAT SUCH PRACTICES CORRUPT  
NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, TWIST THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC DE-  
CISION-MAKING, DISTORT THE NORMAL FLOW OF GOODS AND SER-  
VICES, RAISE THEIR COSTS TO THE CONSUMER, AND THUS, MUST  
BE SEEN AS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO WORLDWIDE INFLA-  
TION.

WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE INTERGOVERN-  
MENTAL WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES, ESPECIALLY IN  
ITS LAST SESSION, AND WITH THE ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE  
PARTICIPATION OF BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.  
WE ARE GRATIFIED, TOO, AT THE ENDORSEMENT GIVEN TO THE  
WORK OF THE GROUP BY THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL COR-  
PORATIONS AT ITS RECENT SESSION. THE WORKING GROUP HAS  
NOW COMPLETED ITS WORK BY SIGNIFICANTLY NARROWING DIF-  
FERENCES ON KEY ISSUES, SO WE ARE READY TO ENTER A NEW  
PHASE OF ACTIVITY.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP, MY DELEGATION IS PREPARED TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION BY THIS SESSION OF THE COUNCIL THAT WILL CONVOKE A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO ADOPT AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DEALING WITH ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND CREATE A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR THAT CONFERENCE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING OUR PROPOSAL WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS.

MR. PRESIDENT, ONE OF THE CONCEPTS WHICH EMERGED FROM THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION WAS THAT OF A NETWORK FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION. THE NETWORK WAS FORESEEN AS A MEANS TO PROVIDE USERS OF TECHNOLOGY, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WITH THE MEANS OF FINDING ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES TO MEET THEIR NEEDS, IN ANY AREA. IT COULD BE DESCRIBED AS AN INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY OF SERVICES OR A DIRECTORY TO DIRECTORIES.

THE FIRST KEY STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE NETWORK. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE CREATED IN 1975 HAS ATTESTED TO THE FEASIBILITY OF THE BASIC CONCEPT; ONE OF ITS KEY COMPONENTS, THE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BANK, IS ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING OPERATIONAL, THROUGH AGREEMENT ON FIRST PILOT AREAS. AT THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, A CONSENSUS RESOLUTION, 32/178, SPONSORED BY A HOST OF COUNTRIES FROM ALL CONTINENTS, PROVIDED FOR THE PRESENTATION OF FURTHER CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO THE 34TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT, HOWEVER, ELABORATE ON SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONAL STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO ARRIVE AT THIS END. MY DELEGATION HOPES THAT IN THE COURSE OF THIS SESSION WE CAN SEE MORE CLEARLY HOW THE CONCRETE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL TAKE PLACE.

NOTE: SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN TEXT; (CORRECTIONS)

FIRST PARA: "UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL ISSOUFOU DJERMAKOYE BRINGS DISTINCTION TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT.

SEVENTH PARA: "MR. PRESIDENT, CHANGE WILL REQUIRE THE PARTICIPATION, AND THE EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS, OF THE PEOPLE OF ALL DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES".



NINTH PARA: "HERE IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO CONSTANTLY IMPROVE THE MECHANISMS AVAILABLE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTION TO DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS...THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

SEVENTEENTH PARA: "WE MUST FIND A WAY TO USE IT AS A UNIQUE FORUM THAT REPLICATES NEITHER THE ROLES OF EXISTING....  
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EIGHTEENTH PARA: DROP SENTENCE READING, "THESE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE PART OF A PROCESS WHICH CAN THEREAFTER LEAD TO ORIGINAL SOLUTIONS".

TWENTY-SIXTH PARA: ...WHICH CALLS FOR A WORLDWIDE COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO OVERCOME THE WORST ASPECTS OF ABSOLUTE POVERTY AND (UNDERLINE) TO ASSURE....

FOURTIETH PARA: "MY DELEGATION CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT A SIGNIFICANT REVISION OF THE OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS IS NECESSARY FOR IT TO REGAIN AND FULLY EXERCISE THE ROLE FORESEEN FOR IT IN THE CHARTER."

FORTY-SIXTH PARA: (FOURTH FROM LAST): "THE WORKING GROUP HAS SIGNIFICANTLY NARROWED DIFFERENCES ON KEY ISSUS..."

LAST PARA: "ONE OF ITS FUTURE KEY COMPONENTS, THE UNIDO INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BANK,..."  
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